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31 August 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH : Deputy Director of Intelligence

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SUBJECT : Consultation with Officials

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1. The undersigned, as the Agency project administrator, travelled to [REDACTED] 17 and 18 August to confer with officials and personnel of the [REDACTED] to examine the status of work on CIA project (RD) XD-1049 and to resolve problems related to the completion of reports for a successful termination of the project before its scheduled closing date 30 September 1953.

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2. The status of progress in the preparation of five major reports, the revision of two provisional reports, the preparation of five incidental reports and a technical glossary of Russian geodetic, photogrammetric and electronics, was found to be substantial but insufficient to close the project successfully by 30 September 1953.

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3. Suggestions were made to speed up report preparation by increasing emphasis on intelligence implications and reducing the emphasis on mass technical details. These will be made available for working level personnel of the Department of Defense as references in the form of annotated bibliographies of available technical papers. These bibliographies will be appended to the intelligence reports. A detailed status and production schedule was prepared to point up remaining tasks and bottlenecks. Out of this examination the [REDACTED] agreed to assign a new consultant to the project, and increase the assignment of work to another. A typing bottleneck was uncovered and plans made to resolve it. [REDACTED] personnel were enjoined from providing any additional time to [REDACTED] personnel without prior clearance with the project administrator.

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h. With these actions it is felt that the probabilities of a successful completion of work have been materially enhanced.

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